



"The key to a happy life is knowing family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life, who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are, would do anything to see you smile, and love you no matter what!!!"

-Unknown



RASHAUN & CHRISTOPHER

HI THERE !

We are RaShaun and Christopher and we reside in beautiful Atlanta, Georgia. We are overjoyed and blessed to be sharing our story in hopes that we will soon gain a sweet new member in our family. We have a 16 year old son named Jaden, who is the biological son of RaShaun, and we want to turn our family of 3 into a family of 4! Christopher is a School Counselor and loves working with children. RaShaun is the Senior Vice President at a non-profit organization where he lobbies and advocates for Georgia's charter schools. Our son, Jaden, is a dual-enrollment student at a local high school, where he spends half of his time at the high school and the other half at a local college where he is taking college classes. We also have 2 sweet dog family members! Thank you for giving us a chance to show you all the love and life we have to share with a new little one.



New York City!!!



Parasailing in Mexico



Styling for Family Pics



Perfect Pair

**WE CAN DRESS UP
AND WE CAN DRESS DOWN
EITHER WAY WE ARE
ALWAYS HAVING A GOOD
TIME TOGETHER!**



Exploring in Texas



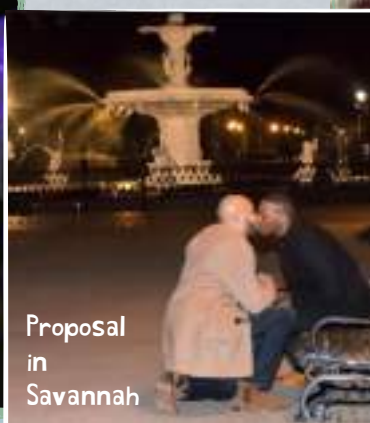
Cruising to the Bahamas!

WHY WE WANT TO ADOPT...

Adoption has always been part of our plans as a family. After many discussions and with lots of support from our family and friends, we feel like now is the best time to start this journey of growing our family. Although we have a biological son, our desire to have another child has never been greater and the fact that Jaden is excited about being a big brother was the extra push we needed. To put it simply, there is no other reason we want to adopt besides having the capacity in our hearts and lives to love and protect your child and to promise to always keep their best interest at heart.



1st Date!!!



Proposal in Savannah



Our Wedding Day



Blessing our union



At a
Charity
Ball in
Atlanta

WHAT OUR LIFE IS LIKE...

Our life is quite exciting and at times can be unpredictable. Two times a month, RaShaun and Christopher do a date night, where each one is responsible for the night. Two times a month RaShaun and Christopher take Jaden out separately, called Dad Dates, to spend one-on-one time with Jaden to grow their relationship with their son. We do random trips to Tybee Island, which is only 3.5 hours away, for the weekend to enjoy the beach and eating at different restaurants. Most nights of the week, Christopher, who does most of the cooking, will cook a home cooked meal and we sit down at the kitchen table and eat together.



Christopher
grilling
dinner



WE ARE HAPPY IN LIFE
AND READY TO SHARE OUR
TIME AND LOVE WITH
A NEW BABY!



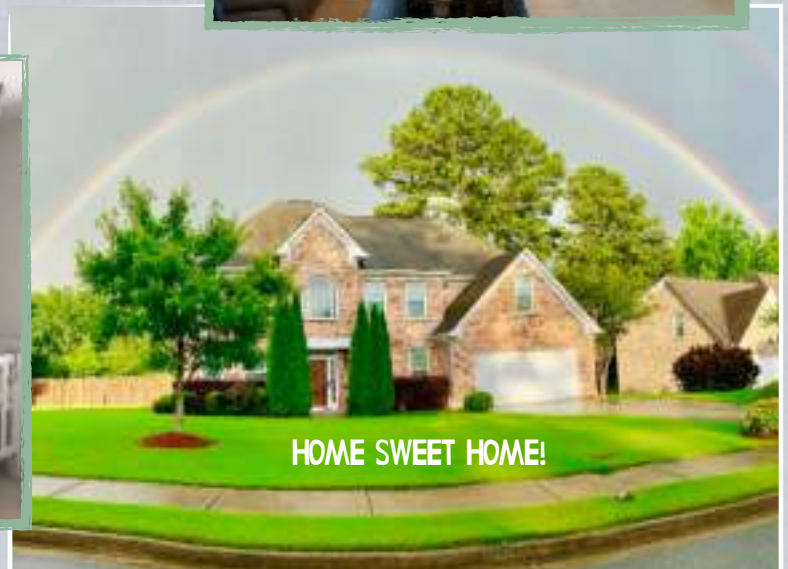
Date Night at TOPGOLF!!!

OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY...

We have a 5-bedroom, 4 bathroom home in a family oriented community. The home has a spacious living room area, where we spend most of our time lounging around and a Game Room, where we spend time having family game nights. Our backyard is fenced in, with a trampoline and enough space to add a pool and swing set, in the future! Our community is filled with children, as there are many bikes, basketball goals, and swing sets in the yards of our neighbors.



Nursery Goals!!!



HOME SWEET HOME!

MY PARTNER CHRISTOPHER (WRITTEN BY RASHAUN)...

Christopher (or Ken, as we call him which is from his middle name) is special because he is a family guy who has so much love to give. I cannot wait to see him give this love to another baby girl or baby boy. He has shown so much love to me, but just as much to my son Jaden. I love to watch them interact and spend time together. I also was attracted to Ken because of the love he shows to his nephews Ayden and Trenton who look up to him like a dad. Those boys admire him and think he is superman. I cannot wait until we grow our family, and our child can see him as their superman.



Family Time



Horseback riding in Mexico



Hiking at Stone Mountain



Swimming with Dolphins in Mexico



CHRISTOPHER'S HOBBIES AND CAREER...

Christopher is a sports fanatic. He played basketball, ran track and cross-country, and played the saxophone in the band. Some of his hobbies include playing basketball, tennis, running, and going to the gym.

Christopher is a School Counselor for a local school in his community, where his counseling department has won back-to-back Governor's Choice for Red Ribbon Week. Christopher loves his job because he is helping to make a difference in children's lives at school by providing them with emotional, mental, and social support to the students and their families.



With one of my classes at the Georgia Capitol



With one of my classes kayaking



Crazy sock day at School

CHRISTOPHER TELLS ABOUT HIMSELF...

I am a family-oriented, fun-loving, social guy who tries to enjoy every moment in life. My passion to become a father sparked in 9th grade, when my twin siblings, McKinley and MaKayla were born. I was mature enough to understand the responsibility of bringing life in the world and was old enough to be a part of the process in taking care of them. The bond I established with the twins was unlike one I have established before. To know that someone needed me in every phase in their life and depended on me, gave me a kind of pleasure that I enjoyed a lot. Although I knew I was not ready to be a father at age 15, I did experience the cliché trials and tribulations of raising an infant, and I liked it! I enjoyed getting up at night to feed and change them and I enjoyed them laying on my chest to bond with them. Although my parents limited my responsibilities, because I was still in school, that experience has stuck with me forever and the passion of me being a father never left. This feeling guided me into the school environment, where I am a father-figure to many of my students. I absolutely enjoy being around my family, as I grew up with family gatherings every Sunday for dinners and every holiday, being around my aunts, uncles, and many cousins. I understand the power of unconditional love, as my parents, family, and friends have shown me. I am a cool, calm, and collected guy who is a shoulder to cry on and a listening ear to many of my friends. I meet no strangers, as I embrace differences and find our similarities. My family has taught me that no matter where we end up in the world, family will always share a special bond that no one can take away.

MY PARTNER RASHAUN (WRITTEN BY CHRISTOPHER)...



What attracted me to RaShaun the most was his relationship with his son Jaden. RaShaun does everything in life with Jaden always being a priority. If it doesn't make sense for Jaden, RaShaun will decline and attempt to make it make sense for the both of them. He has turned down jobs and even relocated to be with his son. These actions speak to the volumes of the unconditional love RaShaun has for Jaden. The organic relationship with the two of them in how they talk to each other about any and everything is quite remarkable. RaShaun believes in being transparent with Jaden and gives him safe space to ask questions. The openness they have with each other is an example of the work RaShaun has done to ensure Jaden feels loved and safe with his dad. For these reasons, this is why RaShaun is an outstanding father!



Swimming with
Dolphins
in Mexico



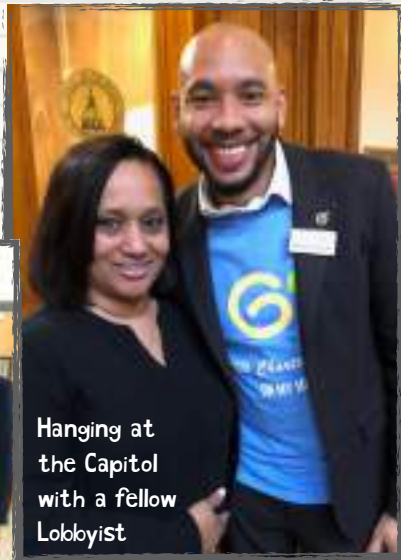
Take your
son to work
day!



On
tv for
Charter
Schools
Week



School visit with Senator Parent



Hanging at
the Capitol
with a fellow
Lobbyist



RASHAUN'S HOBBIES AND CAREER...

I love listening to music. Especially R&B and Rap. My favorite artists are Beyonce, Jay Z, and Janet Jackson. I love the chance to go to concerts and see my favorite artists perform live! I also love watching news channels like CNN or MSNBC because I love politics. When I am not watching TV or listening to music, I like to get home improvement ideas from HGTV and do small projects around the house like landscaping or changing out light fixtures. I am not the most athletic guy in the world but I do like to play tennis with Christopher and work out at the gym. I currently advocate for charter schools at the Georgia State Capitol and across the country. I have been a high school teacher and principal. I believe strongly in the power of good education.



At the Georgia
Capitol for
Charter School
Takeover Day

RASHAUN TELLS ABOUT HIMSELF...

I am someone who enjoys life and absolutely loves being around family and friends. That is what is most important to me. Some of my best memories are going on road trips with my Great Grandma. That is why I love to go on family trips with Christopher and Jaden. The best gift in the world is being a dad. I love being able to watch my son grow into this awesome little human being that has so much personality and thoughts about how he can make the world better for kids like himself. I cannot wait to grow our family and see our baby grow into whoever he or she will be.



OUR SON JADEN ...

EXPLORE

GOING PLACES

He's

Hello! My name is Jaden. I asked them could I be a part of this process because I am excited about being a big brother. I am a junior at a local high school where I am in their dual-enrollment program. I love to ride my bicycle and listen to music. I am also currently my class's secretary for the Student Government Association and an honor roll student. Like my dad RaShaun, I am also into politics. My biggest aspiration is to one day be a US Senator and to live in New York City.

Becoming a big brother is very important and exciting to me. I have tons of cousins, and I happen to be the oldest, so spending time with them is always important. Teaching them to read, write, and putting on performances at family events are some of the things I enjoy most about my time with them. Doing good in school and things outside of school is important because I want to be a great example for them. Now that I am old enough to drive, I can take them to get ice cream and to the park. I have two more years before I go off to college and I would love to build a close relationship with my new brother or sister.

Exploring Savannah



Man
we are
so proud of
Jaden



Jaden loves
his cousins



Jaden's 16th BDay Party



RaShaun and Jaden



In D.C.
for the
March on
Washington



Christopher and Jaden



We took Jaden with
us to VOTE!!!



PARENTING & EDUCATION

We were both raised in loving homes from different parts of the country. Christopher, being from Georgia, and RaShaun, being from Ohio, bring different parenting styles that they have melted into one. We believe that showing a child unconditional love is the single most important task a parent has. Raising our children promoting respect for all people is very important to us. We do believe in attending church, as a family, on Sundays to strengthen our relationship and faith with God.

We believe in the importance of education. RaShaun has a bachelors in Political Science and a masters in Educational Leadership. Christopher has a bachelors in Biology and Psychology, a masters in Counseling, and is currently in his second year of his Phd program for Counselor Education and Supervision. Our job is to afford our child with every opportunity to succeed in life, and stress the importance of the value of education. We also believe in hands on learning and find that traveling has been a great way to teach Jaden about our world.

OUR FAMILIES...

Christopher: My family is the traditional southern family from the South. We have family gatherings almost every Sunday and always have huge family holiday parties. Like any other huge process that I have gone through, they are super excited about this adoption process, as they will be a huge support system and a part of our child's life as well, as being grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

RaShaun's Dad's family



Christmas in Ohio



Our families coming together



Easter in Dublin, GA



RaShaun: My family is unique and non traditional. I was actually raised by my great-grandma, Gram. Even though I did not grow up in a traditional family, I felt so loved and comforted by Gram who lived until she was 99 years old. My mom is an awesome grandma, where she and my siblings reside in Columbus, Ohio. We go home to visit Ohio, especially during the winters, to play in the snow! My dad and his family live in San Antonio, Texas and I have two brothers and a sister with nieces and nephews. We visit them often as well. My family loves family functions so we often travel to a family gathering in Ohio or Texas.

Celebrating Gram. A life well lived!



this is what makes me happy

Christmas in Dublin, GA



RaShaun's Mom's graduation!



OUR SWEET PUPS...

Tucker, who is a 10 yr old Yorkie, likes to chill and lay around. Blaze, our Goldendoodle, just turned 1 and is the newest addition to our family. He is full of energy, loves to play fetch with his favorite ball, and take long walks in the neighborhood. They are both sweet dogs with totally different personalities, and both are perfect for a little one to grow up with and play with.

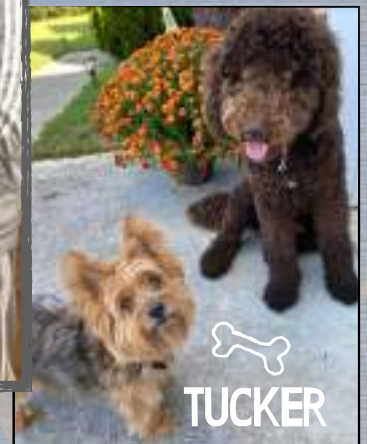
Introducing the pups



Puppy Love!!!



BLAZE



TUCKER



CHRISTOPHER'S FAVORITES:

MOVIE:

LOVE AND BASKETBALL
VACATION SPOT:

TULUM, MEXICO

SUPER HERO:

BLACK PANTHER

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM:

UGA

BOOK:

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"
BY JAMES BALDWIN

DESSERT:

BANANA PUDDING

COLOR:

BLUE

HOLIDAY:

CHRISTMAS

RESTAURANT:

HOUSTON'S



RASHAUN'S FAVORITES:

MOVIE:

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA

VACATION SPOT:

TULUM, MEXICO

SUPER HERO:

SUPERMAN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM:

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

BOOK:

"THE AUDACITY OF HOPE"
BY BARACK OBAMA

DESSERT:

BANANA PUDDING

COLOR:

BLUE

HOLIDAY:

HALLOWEEN

RESTAURANT:

JUICY CRAB



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
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What we are hoping for in our adoption is to receive God's greatest blessing of a child to turn our family of 3 into 4. We understand that being a birth parent means you are doing the most unselfish thing a parent can do, and we do not for one moment take that lightly or for granted. The birth parent is the start of our adoption story, and because we recognize and cherish this, we are open to sending updated pictures and meeting annually, if the birth parent chooses to. Please understand that your child will know about their journey, as we want them to understand the unconditional love and sacrifice you made for them. If chosen, we promise to take care of your most prized possession and love him or her to the ends of the world.

With love,

Christopher and RaShaun